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SUBJECT: TUNA FISHERIES DISPUTE: PROPOSED RESUMPTION OF
NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) STATE 005055; (B) LIMA 9251 AND 9183; (C) QUITO 0044

1. I PRESUME DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF RECENT REPORT ON
MOVEMENT OF LARGE NUMBER OF US TUNA SEINERS TOWARD ECUADOR.
THIS REPORTED MOVEMENT, OF COURSE, HEIGHTENS LIKELIHOOD THAT
US FLAG VESSELS MAY SOON BE SEIZED AGAIN, PRESUMABLY BY BOTH
ECUADOREANS AND PERUVIANS.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH'S IDEA (PARA 8 REF A) THAT
SECRETARY MIGHT DESIGNATE A PRIVATE REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS
FISHERIES PROBLEM AT AN EARLY DATE IS WELCOME. WHILE
FISHERIES PROBLEM MAY BE USEFULLY DISCUSSED IN MEXICO DURING
BILATERAL MEETINGS THERE, I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND AN EVEN
EARLIER RESUMPTION OF USG-GOP TALKS THIS PROBLEM. A RESUMPTION
APPEARS PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN VIEW GOE DESIRES IMPROVE
RELATIONS WITH US (REFS A AND C), AS WELL AS PERUVIANS HOPES
RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO ME BY BOTH FONMIN DE LA FLOR AND SEC GEN
GARCIA BEDOYA TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD AVOID FURTHER
SEIZURES OF TUNA BOATS (REF B).

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3. THE SOONER WE CAN RESUME TALKS WITH PERUVIANS OVER FISHING
PROBLEMS, THE LESS LIKELY THE US TUNA BOATS WILL BE SEIZED.
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